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Assistant Attorney General
Land and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Erica L. Dolgin

Dear Ms. Dinkins:

We are most willing to assist you in the case against Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation. Our District Chief in St. Paul, Mr. Donald R. Albin, has indicated to us that Marc Hult of our St. Paul office will be the individual that he will assign to assist you. Please feel free to contact Mr. Albin at A.C. 517 - 377-1608 (FTS - 374-1608) to make arrangements to obtain assistance from our St. Paul office.

In answer to your concerns regarding our data and analyses, we believe that the following policy will take care of your concerns:

1. All data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will be maintained in USGS files, including computer systems, and will be available to others upon request.

2. All analyses and interpretations of data will be held confidential until approved for public release by the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Since our analyses and interpretations will not be available until approved by the Director, this should protect you in your case against Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Buchanan
Assistant Chief Hydrologist
for Operations
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